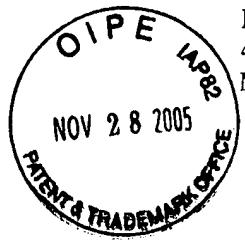


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SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action of 10/05/05, in which the examiner has rejected claims 1 - 6 of the present application under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stelenski et al. US 2003/0099582 in view of Hitami et al., US 3 772 206.

However, US 2003/0099582 has a filing date of 11/27/01, whereas the present application has a priority date of 05/31/01. consequently, US 2003/0099582 is not a prior art reference.

A certified translation of the priority document for the present application which was submitted at the time of filing is enclosed herewith.

The rejection of the present application under 35 USC 103(a) is therefore moot.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the present application and allowance of claims 1 - 6 is solicited.

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